necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 4, 1976.

## CHAPTER 475

(House Bill 1142)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverage Sales on Election Days

FOR the purpose of allowing any [[Class B (on sale) licensees]] restaurant holding any alcoholic beverage license to dispense ceratain alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only on any election day; exempting Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's Counties from the provisions of this Act; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B — Alcoholic Beverages Section 88 (a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 88(a) of Article 2B — Alcoholic Beverages, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

88.

(a) (1) It [shall be] IS unlawful for the keeper of any hotel, tavern, store, drinking establishment or any other place where liquors are sold, or for any person or persons, directly or indirectly, to sell, barter, give or dispose of any spirituous or fermented liquors, ale or beer, or intoxicating drinks of any kind within any election district or precinct of this State on the day of any general, special or primary election [hereafter] to be held in [such] ANY district or precinct during the hours when the polls are open. Any person violating the provisions of this section [shall be] IS liable for indictment, and [shall,] upon conviction[, be] IS fined